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PATENT
Docket No. 001.003.14

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: :
: Douglas M. Sheffield, Jr. :
: Serial No. 08/914,628 : Examiner: R. Dye
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Petition to Add Joint Inventor Under Rule 48(a)

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It is respectfully petitioned that the above-identified patent application be amended to add Tamara Sheffield as a joint inventor. The original application was made through error and without any deception intent, in the sole name of one of the co-inventors, Douglas M. Sheffield, Jr., as will be more apparent from the appendices attached hereto.

In support of this petition, the applicant submits the following:

- (1) Verified Statements of Facts by both of the joint inventors Douglas M. Sheffield, Jr. and Tamara Sheffield, (Appendix A).
- (2) A substitute Declaration under 37 CFR 1.65 executed by all of the actual inventors and Power of Attorney (Appendix B).
- (3) The fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(h)

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that this Amendment be entered and Tamara Sheffield be added as a named co-inventor in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/914,628.

Respectfully submitted,



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Verified Statement of Named Inventor Under Rule 48(a)

Dear Sir:

Douglas M. Sheffield, Jr. declares that:

The inventions described and claimed in the above-described patent application as filed and as amended by the accompanying Amendment A were developed in part by me, and in part by my wife Tamara Sheffield during 1996 to 1997 at our home in St. Louis, Missouri.

We unexpectedly discovered factors essential to expanding the original concept of my invention disclosed in U.S. Patent 5,714,215 so that other configurations could be accorded self-suction functionality.

I inadvertently overlooked my wife's independent contribution at the time that I originally executed the above-described patent application. Upon reflection after reviewing the Examiner's statements and upon advise of counsel, her practical suggestions that assisted in making the main idea operative are sufficient to make her a co-inventor.

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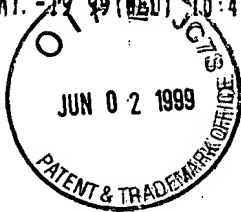
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Verified Statement of Unnamed Inventor Under Rule 48(a)

Dear Sir:

Tamara Sheffield declares that:

The inventions described and claimed in the above-identified patent application and as amended in the accompanying Amendment A were developed by my husband Douglas M. Sheffield and I at our home during 1996 to 1997.

I suggested various practical solutions to the problems that my husband encountered in perfecting the design of the display ornaments claimed in the above described invention and as amended in Amendment A. For example, I suggested essential and effective design for specialty display ornaments such as alphabet letters, numbers, etc. for use by pre-school children.

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